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Title: Methods and Apparatus for Voice Information Registration
and Recognized Sentence Specification in Accordance
with Speech Recognition

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance included in the Notice of Allowability dated April 22, 2005 in the above-identified application.

COMMENTS

Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance (hereinafter "Statement") given on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability. Based on this review, it appears that certain portions of the Statement may be viewed as mischaracterizing the actual limitations of the allowed claims.

Applicants believe that an accurate characterization of the claimed invention, and one that is specifically recited in the allowed claims, is "the claimed invention recites, among other things, techniques for use in voice information registration, employed by a speech recognition apparatus,

comprising the steps of: obtaining a sentence group, which includes a first to an N-th sentence, wherein N is a number equal to or greater than two; obtaining a sounds-like spelling for a word that is included in an i-th sentence, but is not entered in a speech recognition dictionary, wherein i is a number equal to or less than N; obtaining a base form based on said sounds-like spelling of said word; and registering said base form in a speech recognition dictionary in correlation with said word."

In summary, Applicants believe that each of the independent claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11 and 12 is allowable because the particular limitations thereof are not taught or suggested by the art of record. To the extent that the Statement includes language which deviates from the actual language used in the particular limitations of these claims, or language which characterizes the prior art in a manner inconsistent with the position of Applicants, the Statement is respectfully traversed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert W. Griffith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent.

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